

Ethics is the set of moral rules that the professionals in any field are expected to respect when they deal either with each other or with the public. In business, ethics represents the attitudes that individuals and firms should comply within the actions they perform and the decisions they take at every of their realizations.

In societies where both political and cultural conditions exist for making everyone obey this practice, the main principles engaged in the economic branches should involve a good number of the qualities that have always served as the basis of civilisation . Among them we find the obligation to be honest and lawful in one's activities. it is also essential to act in conformity with the spirit of fair competition.

Next to these aspects, ethics requires from the various members and groups of economic sectors the payment of one's taxes and the necessity to treat one's employees with fairness.

To sum up, the moral values in use in modern societies necessitate from businessmen and companies alike a strict observance of the different precepts on which the efficiency and the prosperity of the whole community depends. As economy has become a system of interdependent structures, any mistake or wrongdoing involved in it disturbs its balance and penalizes its functioning. That's why misbehaviours get punished severely.

A/COMPREHENSION(07 POINTS)

1.Say whether the following statements are true or false according to the text.(1,5 point)

- a)Ethical standards are important in all professions.
- b)Fair competition is a major quality in modern economy.
- c)The payment of taxes is not an aspect of ethics.

2.Answer the following question according to the text.(3points)

- a)Mention three(3) aspects of ethics from the text.
- b)Why is ethics important in economy?
- c)How are unethical behaviours treated?

3. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?(1,5point)

- a)their(§1) b)them(§2) c)it(§4)

4.Choose a title to the text:(1 point)

- a)Ethics in Business b)Ethics and Politics c)Modern Economy

B/TEXT EXPLORATION :(8points)

1.Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following:(1,5POINT)

- a)speculated(§1) b) important(§2) c) needs(§3)

2.Complete the following table:(1POINT)

adjective	noun
legal
.....	honesty
hospitable
.....	cruelty

3.Reorder these following words to make meaningful sentence:(1.5 POINT)

- Stop/they/had /cheating/ better /people.
- Gouvernement /measures/it's/tax/time/took/high/to stop/evasion.
- Wish/all businessmen/would/be //honest/someday.

4.Link each of the pairs of sentences below using provided/providing (that):(2POINTS)

a -Our country (continue) to prosper.
We (keep) our probity and integrity.

a-.....

b-We (fight) corruption and fraud.

The government (take) rigorous measures

b-.....

5.Underline the stressed syllable(2POINTS)

ethics –economics -statistics –economical

part two: written expression(05 points)

choose one of the following topics.

Topic 1:what are the measures the government should take to fight corruption and fraud?

Write a composition of about 100 words using the following notes:

- fight tax evasion.
- rehabilitate the value of work .
- appoint honest servants.
- punish severely people who accept bribery.

Topic2: do you think that people who do illegal business help their country? Why or why not? Justify your opinion.